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Applicant: Zervos et al.
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Message Dear Ms. Thomas:

As you requested, please find a copy of the Amendment and Response that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2000 in connection with the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Group Art Unit: 1653

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Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Amendment and Response (16 pages);
2. diskette containing Sequence Listing;
3. paper copy of the Sequence Listing (3 pages);
4. Verified Statement under 37 CFR 1.821(f) (1 page);
5. copy of Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing;
6. Petition For Three-Month Extension of Time;
7. Check in the amount of \$870.00 for three-month extension of time; and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action (Paper No. 7) mailed February 25, 2000. A separate petition for an extension of time is submitted herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

(For the Examiner's convenience, all of the pending claims are reproduced below). Please cancel claims 28-31, without prejudice, and amend claims 2, 3, 11-14, 26, and 27 as follows:

1. (Reiterated) A method for constructing a DNA library *in vivo*, comprising:
 - providing a plurality of host cells;
 - providing a vector having a first region and a second region;
 - providing a nucleic acid insert molecule having a first common region which is homologous with said first region of the vector, a second common region which is homologous with said second region of the vector, and a library element encoding region disposed between said first common region and said second common region, wherein when the library element encoding region encodes a naturally occurring sequence, the first and second regions are not naturally found adjacent to the library element encoding region;
 - introducing a vector molecule into each of the host cells;

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